

Preliminary Assessment Report

Project 3019438, 3401 RAINIER AVE S

Assessment Completed: 1/27/2015

Project Description: change of use from a school to an office.

Primary Applicant: [Richard Lawson](#)

This report lists the results of a preliminary assessment of your project requirements by various city departments. It's based on the project characteristics described on your site plan and preliminary application form. If your project required a pre-application site visit (PASV), the results of that site visit are also included. The goal of this report is to help you create a complete submittal package and reduce the need for corrections once your application has been submitted.

Next Steps

1. Review the requirements in this report and contact the staff members listed below with questions.
2. If a street improvement plan is required, develop and submit it to the Seattle Department of Transportation (SDOT). **The Department of Planning and Development (DPD) will not accept your permit application until your street improvement plan is approved as 60% complete by SDOT. See [SDOT Client Assistance Memo 2213](#) for guidance about the 60% complete approval process.**
3. Schedule an appointment for permit application intake with DPD. **Please bring a copy of this report to your intake appointment.**

Questions About This Report

If you have questions about the information in this report, contact the appropriate city staff member for each section.

DPD Drainage Requirements

Tracy Martin, (206) 615-0749, tracy.martin@seattle.gov

DPD Land Use Requirements

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DPD Preapplication Site Visit Requirements

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Seattle Department of Transportation Requirements

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Seattle Public Utilities Requirements

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Water Availability

SPU Staff, (206) 684-3333, SPUWaterAvailability@Seattle.Gov

Other Resources

- General questions about the permit process: Contact the DPD Applicant Services Center (ASC) at 206-684-8850.
- User-friendly guides to city permitting processes: [DPD](#) and [SDOT](#).
- [Detailed zoning information](#).
- Visit our [permit type pages](#) for step-by-step instructions and forms for preparing your application and plans for review.

Requirements

DPD Drainage Requirements

The following requirements are based on the current stormwater and side sewer codes.

Existing Public Drainage Infrastructure

Sanitary sewer main location: Rainier Ave S

Sanitary sewer main size: 12-inch

Storm drainage main location: S. Walden St

Storm drainage main size: 12-inch

Other location: Alley directly southwest and adjacent to site

Other size: KC Metro - 66 inch

Drainage

The drainage point of discharge (SMC 22.805.020) is located at: Public storm drain system.

Permanent and Temporary Dewatering

The footing drain (if part of building plan) point of discharge ([DPD DR 4-2011](#)) is located at the following: Public storm drain system.

DPD Land Use Code Requirements

Street Requirements

Based on the scope of the proposed project, the following street improvements are required per Chapter 23.53 of the Seattle Municipal Code. Please review Right-of-Way Improvements Manual for design criteria (<http://www.seattle.gov/transportation/row/manual/manual/>). Show required street improvements on your "enhanced site plan" at DPD permit application intake. If an SDOT Street Improvement Plan (SIP) is required, please list SDOT project number and SDOT contact name on the enhanced site plan. Street Improvement Plans must be accepted by SDOT prior to DPD permit application intake.

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Based on the documents provided, no street improvements are required per SMC 23.53.015 and SMC 23.53.006

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Street trees shall be provided in the planting strip according to Seattle Department of Transportation Tree Planting Standards. Contact SDOT Urban Forestry (for residential projects: (206) 684-TREE; for all others: (206) 684-5693), to determine species of tree and standards of planting. Please add a note to the site plan showing size, location and species of tree to be planted.

<http://www.seattle.gov/transportation/treeplanting.htm>.

Alley Requirements

ALLEY WEST OF SITE

Based on the submitted documents, no alley improvements are required per SMC 23.53.030

Pre-Application Site Visit (PASV) Requirements

PASV report requirements may be subject to additions, changes, or modifications by the department. The purpose of the report is to alert the applicant that there may be unusual or complex site conditions that trigger requirements from the department regarding this project. **The applicant is responsible for providing all**

required documents at the intake appointment. If you have questions about this report or the PASV process, please contact the DPD Site Development Team at (206) 684-8860.

Note: Any project application associated with the development site can utilize the results from this PASV if the application is accepted by DPD within 24 months of the above inspection date. After 24 months, the applicant must apply for another PASV. No extensions will be granted.

ECA Mapping Unit and Type

This project site appears to include the following ECAs and/or buffers:

Liquefaction

Earth Disturbance

If excavation has the potential to encroach on adjacent property in order to facilitate construction activity, please provide documentation of consent from the adjacent property owner. Show area of proposed encroachment on the submitted drawings and detailed cross-sections.

If temporary cuts greater than 1h:1v will be required in order to facilitate construction activity, please provide a geotechnical engineer's verification that soil conditions allow cuts to stand unsupported. Include detailed cross sections.

Please show all existing and proposed retaining walls/rockeries and the exposed height.

If shoring will be required, please provide submittals by geotechnical and structural engineers and show the proposed system on the submitted drawings. Include detailed cross sections.

Existing ROW Conditions

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Street conditions:

Concrete paving

Curb conditions:

Curb adjacent to site

Concrete

Approximate curb height: 5-6 inches

A storm inlet is located <350 ft from the site and prior to crossing a public right of way.

It appears that drainage from that discharge point will remain in the gutter line all the way to the nearest inlet structure, but this assessment is preliminary and it is the responsibility of the applicant to meet all relevant SW code requirements.

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Street conditions:

Asphalt paving

Curb conditions:

Curb adjacent to site

Concrete

Approximate curb height: 2 inches

A storm inlet is located <350 ft from the site and prior to crossing a public right of way.

It appears that drainage from that discharge point will remain in the gutter line all the way to the nearest inlet structure, but this assessment is preliminary and it is the responsibility of the applicant to meet all relevant SW code requirements.

ALLEY WEST OF SITE

Unimproved

Potential Impacts to Seattle Parks Property

No parks property in vicinity

Tree Protection

Existing trees appear to be shown accurately on the site plan

Inspectors Notes

Site is mapped ECA type 5. Any earth-disturbing activities will require appropriate construction stormwater control best management practices (BMPs).

Standard Submittal Requirements for Projects in an ECA

The site is mapped as liquefaction prone. A geotechnical report is required to address liquefaction potential and, if needed, mitigation (see [SMC 25.09.100](#)).

Seattle City Light Requirements

Notes to Applicant

The description of work is for change of use. To ensure that the existing service at the site can provide for the improvements and change of use, please provide new electrical load information to City Light. If a new or revised electrical service is needed, please contact the Electrical Service Representative for your area several months before new service is required to determine your electric service design, service location and what kind of service is available at the building site. Your Electrical Service Representative is: Antonio Hernandez, 206-386-1635, antonio.hernandez@seattle.gov. Be advised that it is the applicant's responsibility to seek guidance from SCL. Failure to contact SCL early in the permit process could severely impact your project's scope, schedule and budget. This responsibility rests solely with the applicant.

SDOT Requirements

The City of Seattle's Right-of-Way Improvements Manual (ROWIM) and SDOT's Street & Sidewalk Pavement Opening and Restoration (PORR) Director's Rule 2004-02 may be accessed from SDOT's Street Use website at: http://www.seattle.gov/transportation/stuse_docs.htm. Whenever possible, specific reference notation for these two design documents is noted next to the design characteristics below. Be advised that these specific section and chapter references are provided as preliminary guidance only and are not comprehensive in scope.

SDOT Permitting Information

Initial Review Deposit: To be determined

SDOT Plan Requirements: Plan

SDOT Permit Requirements: Group 1:Over-the-Counter. Obtain from SDOT anytime prior to construction in the right of way.

Street Improvement Requirements

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Tree planting. See Seattle Right of Way Improvements Manual (ROWIM) and City of Seattle Standard Plans 030, 100 and 424. Contact SDOT Urban Forestry for residential projects at (206) 684-TREE; for all others at (206) 684-5693 for approval of species and placement. Existing pl strip dimension appears inadequate for st trees (5' minimum).

All improvements on private property must accommodate the right of way elevation at the property line using the standard cross-section in the ROWIM. Right of way grading may be required to provide vehicular and pedestrian access that meets the standard cross-section.

New/replacement sidewalk: See Seattle Right of Way Improvements Manual (ROWIM) as well as the City of Seattle Standard Plan 420, 421 and 422. Repair, restoration as needed. Relocation to ROW line for st trees.

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Tree protection: Removal of trees in the public right-of-way (ROW) is prohibited. Projects must be designed to accommodate existing trees in the ROW. Exceptions to this policy require review and approval by SDOT Urban Forestry. For residential projects, call (206) 684-TREE; for all other projects, call (206) 684-5693. Contact SDOT Urban Forestry immediately if you are proposing to remove street trees. If an exception from street tree removal is not granted, the project will need to be redesigned to preserve street trees.

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SPU Requirements

Flow Control Compliance

All new, replaced, and disturbed topsoil shall be amended with organic matter per rules promulgated by the Director prior to completion of the project to improve onsite management of drainage water flow and water quality per SMC 22.805.020.E. For projects with 5,000 square feet or more of new and replaced impervious surface, a comprehensive drainage control plan shall be prepared by a licensed engineer.

Water Availability

Your water availability assessment has been approved.

Water Availability Certificate reference number: 20150022

Water Availability Certificate status: Approved with No Changes

Prepared by: Richard F Wilson

Existing Water System Information

Proximity of nearest fire hydrant is: 160 feet NE of property. Meets standards.

Water Main:

Size: 12 inches

Material: Cast Iron

Class: B

- Standard

- Abutting

Water Main is available to serve in: S Walden St

Distance of main to SE margin of street is 40 feet.

Public ROW width is 60 feet.

Water Service(s):

Size: 3/4"

Material: Copper

Other Requirements

Owners of residential property occupied by a tenant who will be displaced by housing demolition, substantial rehabilitation, change of use, or removal of use restrictions may need to obtain a Tenant Relocation License. Refer to DPD Tip 123, Seattle's Tenant Relocation Assistance Ordinance, for further information and instructions or call (206) 684-7979.

If your project involves additions or modification to or demolition of an existing building that contains four or more dwelling units or 4,000 square feet or more of non-residential area, and the building is a designated historic landmark or is 50 years old and meets the criteria set forth in SMC 25.12 for landmark designation, SEPA is required. Please contact the Department of Neighborhoods at (206) 684-0228 or www.seattle.gov/neighborhoods/preservation to determine if your building is a designated landmark or if a referral is necessary to determine if the building meets the criteria in SMC 25.12. Refer to Tip 208 for information regarding the application requirements for a SEPA review and Tip 3000 for information regarding landmarks and historic preservation.

If the scope of your proposed project changes before your DPD intake appointment or SDOT street improvement plan application, the requirements in this report may change. If there are municipal code and ordinance changes before our DPD intake appointment, the project must meet the new code requirements. Additional street improvement requirements may be triggered if a permit application for a development project on adjacent property is also undergoing review.

Please be aware that all persons or companies working within the City limits, including all contractors, subcontractors, permit expeditors and other service providers are required to possess a valid City of Seattle business license. This license is required in addition to any other licenses required by the State of Washington, such as a contractors' license or state business license. For more information about City of Seattle business licenses, please contact inspector Michale Crooks at 206-684-8871, Michale.Crooks@seattle.gov, or visit the [Licensing and Tax Administration Division website](#).